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IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 7	K-8th grade pictures
Mar 8	Preschool & KR pictures
Mar 8 8:45 am	Cougar Pride Committee meeting
Mar 9	Early release - 2:00 pm
Mar 12-16	Spring Break
Mar 20-23	Achievement Testing
Mar 24	Mother/Son Night at the Allen Americans
Apr 5	Spring Classic—Evening with Jim Morris
Apr 6	No School—Easter Holiday
Apr 26	NTCA Open House
Apr 26	Grandparents Breakfast
May 18	NTCA Night at Roughriders Baseball

Spring Classic to Feature Jim Morris

The April 5th Spring Classic is an important fundraiser for the NTCA Foundational Fund. This year, NTCA is pleased to welcome Jim Morris, the inspiration behind the Disney award-winning family movie "The Rookie" starring Dennis Quaid.

Join us for an entertaining evening with Jim, a loveable and humorous storyteller who inspires and motivates audiences to never give up on their dreams.

Arrive early to check out the silent auction items at 5:45pm. Auction items will include unique paintings by NTCA students, class baskets, as well as donations from area businesses. Enjoy dinner while hearing Jim's message about following your dreams at 6:45pm.

"The Rookie" movie presentation is at 8:45pm. This family film won the ESPY for best sports film of the year and was recognized by Sports Illustrated as one of the 50 best sports films of all time.

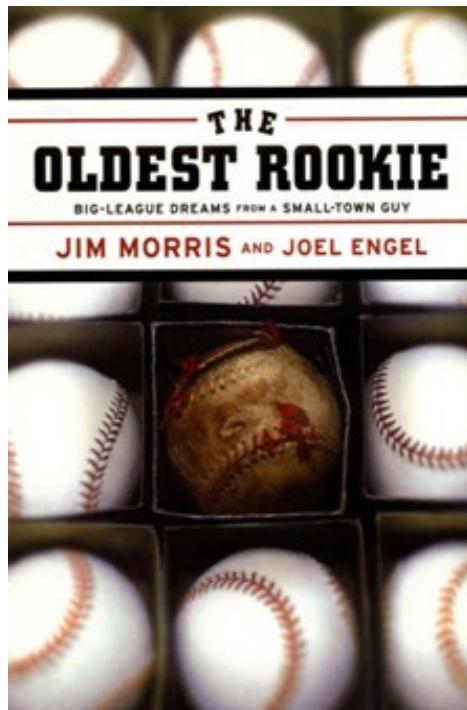
This is a fun family evening, not to be missed! Individual tickets are \$35, a Four Pack is \$100, or reserve a Table of Eight for \$200.

About Jim Morris

Jim is much more than just a sports personality. Audiences connect with him because he's one of them. In a world lacking in real-life heroes, Jim's message about following your dreams and keeping your promises resonates with audiences.

Jim's childhood dream of becoming a major league baseball player was derailed by injuries and, admittedly, a lack of maturity. Eleven years after his retirement from baseball, Jim's dream was re-ignited by his then ragtag high school team, when he was trying to inspire them to follow their own ambitions.

Three months later, Jim achieved his dream of pitching in the big leagues by striking out all-star Royce Clayton with a 98 mph fastball! Jim is a loveable and humorous storyteller who will inspire and motivate you to never give up on your dreams.



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REGISTRATION

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We hope you'll join us for a truly special evening with Jim "The Rookie" Morris.

His life story is the inspiration behind the Walt Disney blockbuster film, "The Rookie," starring Dennis Quaid. This family film won the ESPY for best sports film of the year and was recognized by Sports Illustrated as one of the 50 best sports films of all-time.

Jim is much more than just a sports personality. In a world lacking real-life heroes, Jim's inspirational and motivational message about following your dreams and keeping your promises resonates with all audiences, young and old.

NTCA reflects Jim's life experience—our school has big plans for the future!

Check out the exciting items in our Silent Auction and stay for the movie after dinner. It's going to be a fun evening for the whole family.

Toni Young
Head of School

NTCA Spring Classic Sponsored By:

**APRIL 5th, 2012**

Silent Auction & Photos

Dinner Buffet

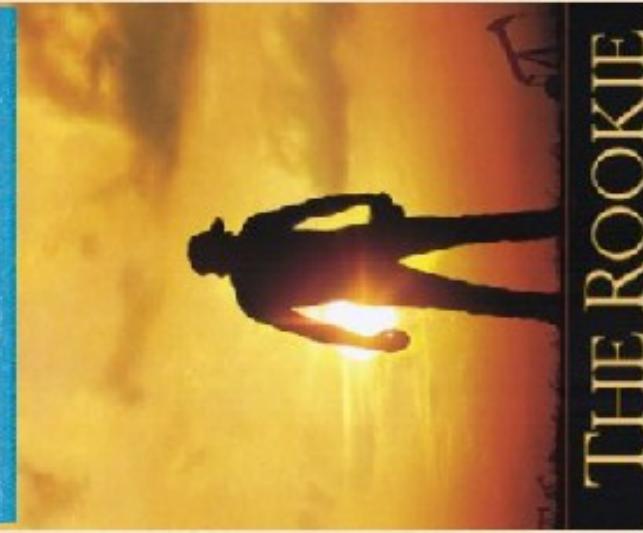
Movie Presentation

Event Photography by
Mike Simmons

**SPRING CLASSIC**

Dinner with keynote speaker
Jim "The Rookie" Morris

DINNER | AUCTION | MOVIE

**REGISTRATION**

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NUMBER OF TICKETS

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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AUTHORIZATION

This is to certify that _____
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NTCA Needs YOU for the Silent Auction!

Donations

No, we won't be auctioning off any living human beings. But we want to have lots of cool stuff, and that stuff will only show up if you go out and get it!

A big part of the fundraising during the Spring Classic on April 5th will come from the Silent Auction. The students are doing their part with paintings and class baskets. Parents are needed to solicit donations for the auction. You can join a donation team, or ask the businesses that you patronize. Ideas include gift certificates, restaurant gift cards, discounts on services from veterinarians, dentists, hairdressers, or ???? Items such as clothing, jewelry, and crafts are popular. If you have a home based business, consider donating some items, everything from Creative Memories to Mary Kay!

Guests

Of course you and your family are going to come! But this is going to be a great event and we want to share it with others. Please spread the word among your friends, your church, your children's sports teams, and clubs.

Marketing materials (brochures, sponsor letters, ticket order forms) are available to help with your efforts.

Contact Mrs. Young to volunteer or to get materials.



Celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday at NTCA!

Art at NTCA

By Mandi Carlson, art teacher

We have done so many fun and exciting things this year. Some of them have been: self-portraits, abstract art, some amazing crosses with 'zen doodles', trading cards, and Van Gogh sunflowers. We just finished our Doodle for Google contest and the contributions were quite amazing. We will be presenting the winners from our school with some great prizes. The presentation will be after Spring Break. I am so very proud of all the hard work and look forward to finishing the school year with more fun in the art room!

The art class is taking on a new challenge this month. We are painting canvases for our silent auction and will continue working on these for the next several weeks. All classes are participating. We have some beautiful pieces and the students are absolutely having a blast. I overheard one student say, "We aren't professionals yet, but we are pretty close!" We have everything from abstract art, to animals, to landscapes...every one of them unique and showing the personalities of our individual students. Don't forget to attend the Spring Classic annual fundraiser on April 5th so you won't miss the opportunity to bid on these wonderful pieces.



January

Cougar of the Month

Cora Brewer



Cora is a very bright, creative girl. She has amazing artistic talent and writes beautiful imaginative stories. She works very hard and has a positive attitude! Cora is a sweet girl to have in fourth grade.

Mrs. Young's Message

We have had a busy and productive month! As I write this, many of our 4th and 5th grade students are in Ft. Worth at the TCSA Academic Meet. We are excited that they are representing NTCA and competing in several events.

Early enrollment will continue until March 23rd. You will want to enroll for the upcoming year as soon as possible. After the 23rd, the enrollment fee will be \$300 (KR-8) and \$200 (Preschool). I know you will want to take advantage of the half price enrollment fees.

If you missed our Enrollment Rally, you missed a great evening. Please read the article about the wonderful programs we are considering as additions for next year. If I can take one thing away from the evening, it would be that we are a part of a great team. We are all committed to the same values and goals. The testimonies from the parents were incredible. The energy and excitement are contagious! Let's all show our team spirit and come together to make our 10th year a winning season!

I also want to ask each of you to play a role in the annual spring fundraiser that will be held on April 5th. This is a night that you will want to share with family and friends. The guest speaker for the event is Jim "The Rookie" Morris. Jim is a Christian who has the distinction of being the oldest rookie to play professional baseball. His story is inspiring, and I think will be beneficial to all. I am asking each family to attend and help in other ways as well.

Thank you for supporting the staff and the board of directors. Pray for us daily. We love what we do each and every day.

Spirited Evening at the Enrollment Rally

The playbook is being written. The team is being drafted. The coaches are hard at work. Will you join the team? Team NTCA is forming right now! All you have to do is renew your contract for the year. There is no draft or free agency. We want you to continue to play for the winning team!

The official "kick off" for the 10th Anniversary year of the Academy was held on Tuesday, February 7th. The evening began with a performance by the Allen High School Drum Line. The students performed



several cadences for the audience putting us in the "pep rally" mood. Mrs. Young welcomed the families and several families spoke about why they have chosen NTCA for their children.

The testimonies were incredible as they talked about the high quality of education and the loving caring atmosphere.

Mrs. Young outlined the important pieces to creating the winning team. The school's best offense is the high quality of academics and the best defense is daily Bible study. We will continue our programs making improvements where needed. We are looking at adding some programs. Those additions are as follows: percussion, piano, strings, golf, tennis, robotics club, Lego club, sign language, competitive cheerleading, speech and debate. We will also add field trips to give the students more opportunity for experiential learning.



Mrs. Young encouraged everyone to be a part of Team NTCA. The families were invited to visit classrooms and enroll for next year. Everyone who enrolled that night had their name entered into a drawing for \$500 towards tuition for 2012-2013. The Hicks family won the prize! Each child will receive a Team NTCA shirt when the enrollment fees are paid. Please join the team!



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: NTCA Enrollment 2012

In the Classrooms

Kindergarten Readiness In the month of March, we will begin our reading groups. We will finish up our Nursery Rhymes/Fairy Tales unit. We will start our Spring unit. We will have our annual Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss celebration.

Kindergarten had a fun month of February learning about rocks and soil. We are excited about our upcoming unit on space and all that God created in the universe. The Dallas World Aquarium was a great place to have a field trip and the most favorite animals seen were the sharks, manatees and baby monkeys!

Third Grade has finished our novel Shiloh! We are going to be comparing and contrasting the movie with the novel. We have really enjoyed reading the novel and making our Biblical connections with it. In Math we are studying perimeter and area. We continue to discuss how in Bible times they had to measure things just like we do! Same in science, we are learning about landforms and living patterns. It's been amazing to watch the kids realize that the same land and water that were there in Bible times are still there. We have been making a lot of real life connections and students seem to have a better understanding when we make them.

Fourth Graders are enjoying their first independent novels in a literature circle format. They are learning to write their own discussion questions, find their own vocabulary words, make their own connections, and truly discuss the events of the stories on their own!

The fourth grade history study has come through the Civil War and the Cattle drive periods and is taking the students to the discovery of oil in Texas, the following oil boom and on into the twentieth century.

The students have surprised themselves with their growth in knowledge of fractions - equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, improper fractions, finding a fraction of a number and more! They were even more surprised that decimals didn't turn out as scary as they thought and when compared to money, decimals really made good sense. They now are studying large numbers, starting with what really makes up a thousand and onward and upward from there!

They are quite excited about the Academic Meet in North Richland Hills and their trip to the Fort Worth Zoo! It will be a long, busy day!

Sixth thru Eighth Graders have started practicing together on their group acting for the Texas Christian Interscholastic Academic Meet in April. They will be going to Abilene on April 12th-14th. We are going to have a great time, and we are excited to see how the students do on their events.

Cub's Corner

Preschool and Kindergarten celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 1st.

Preschool will be participating in the Silent Auction for our dinner on April 5th. We will be asking each family to join us in supplying a basket for the auction. We have been thinking about what we would like our basket theme to be and we will get that information to you very soon. Be thinking about ways that you can support the dinner and auction!

The March theme is Birds: Real and Imaginary. The Bible theme is God Made Food. Our Bible verse is Psalm 136:25, God gives food to every living creature. Our letters are R, J, and U. The numbers are 12-15. The colors are purple, aqua, teal, and the shapes are rectangles and pentagons.



Students of the Week

January Virtue: Self Control

February Virtue: Honor

January 23rd

Sammy Oliveira
Claire Keller
Thomas Klovstad
Cora Brewer
Peter Evans
Grace Zimmerman
Arriana Contreras

February 6th

Masyn Hoke
Avari McWatters
Bradey Zimmerman
Rex Dooley
Skyler Kinsler
Caleb Matthews
Ariyana Castro

January 30th

Daniela Morales
Bailey Foster
Hayden Winstead
Cory Tennison
Garrett Kirkconnell
Peyton Humphrey
Haden Even

February 13th

Gavin Fletcher
Shay Frieling
Ella Bartlett
Morgan Pettway
Aaron Frieling
Peter Evans

March

Virtue and Verse

Chapel Theme: *Rooted*

Virtue:
Conviction, Standing strong in God's Truth

Verse:

2 Thessalonians 3:13
Never tire of doing what is right.



Kindergarten Enjoys a Valentine's Day Party

Academic Meet

NTCA's Academic Meet participants saw all of their hard work in study and practice pay off as they participated in the Texas Christian Schools Association (TSCA) Elementary Academic Meet at Fort Worth Christian on February 24th. These fourth and fifth did a great job at the Academic Meet. After spending the morning working hard as they participated in the events for which they had studied. In the afternoon, the students visited the Fort Worth Zoo. We had a wonderful time and saw a mix of animals from huge gorillas and white tigers to spiders and beetles. We are very proud of the students and can't wait to see the results of the meet!

4th Grade:

Trinity Cristina - Written Bible
Rex Dooley - Oral Poetry
Dylan Shaw - Math
Cory Tennison - Written Bible
Bradley Wolgamott - Oral Bible

5th Grade:

Lexie Bartlett - Written Bible
Grant Fletcher - Math (not pictured)
Abby Simes - Vocabulary

Academic Meet Students at the Fort Worth Zoo



4-H News

We have a lot of great things happening in the 4-H world!! So excited!!

This past week, we had a great time working in the flower beds in front of the school. We discussed the importance of removing the weeds so that the flowers & plants could grow stronger. Thank you to Sharon Miesen for the donation of 2 bags of mulch. This provided the 4-H group the opportunity to discuss the purpose of mulch and how it will protect the plants during a freeze. (Secretly, I am hopeful winter is not over. J)

4-H meetings are held on the second & fourth Tuesdays of each month from 3:30-4:30. If you are interested in your student being included in these 4-H meetings please feel free to contact Marie Hoke at [469-323-2447](tel:469-323-2447). If you would like for your student to join 4-H please visit <https://texas.4honline.com/>

For more information about 4-H in Collin County, visit www.collinclover.net

Daddy/Daughter Oscar Night Was Fun for All

The Daddy/Daughter Oscar Night at the Academy rolled out the red carpet on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 7:30pm. Marie Hoke did a wonderful job creating a special atmosphere and a fun evening. Balloons and a red carpet runway greeted the movie goers as they walked into the "Kodak Theater". A popcorn machine, drinks, and candy kept everyone happy as they socialized. The feature film was "Harley's Hill", a touching story of a girl and a horse. All participants agreed that this was a night to remember!

Get Ready for Hockey

NTCA's Mother/Son event is planned. Come out and enjoy a night of hockey at the Allen Event Center on March 24th, 2012 as the Allen Americans take on the cross town rival Texas Brahma's at 7:05 PM. Doors open at 6:05pm. All the boys at NTCA, along with their moms, are invited to see the action on the ice! The Allen Event Center is located at 200 E. Stacy Rd Allen, TX 75002.

The Allen Americans have blocked off seats for NTCA and are offering a special price of \$9 for terrace, or \$14 for terrace plus a food voucher good for a hotdog, chips, and a drink.

To order your tickets, pick up a flyer at school or visit
<https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1167086-MRbpwQxNyX>

March Lunchroom Volunteers

Please contact Rachel Keller to volunteer in the lunchroom.

Rachel's email address is: racheltkeller@gmail.com & cell phone is: [469-667-4007](tel:469-667-4007)

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5 <i>Tina Tennison</i> <i>Jeff Sawyer</i>	6 <i>Colleen Haaland</i> <i>Rachel Keller</i>	7 <i>Sigrid Bandon</i> <i>Help Needed!</i>	8 <i>Rebecca Castro</i> <i>Holly Milstead</i>	9 <i>Teresa Shaw</i> <i>Ken Dunlap</i>
12 <i>SPRING BREAK!!</i>	13 <i>SPRING BREAK!!</i>	14 <i>SPRING BREAK!!</i>	15 <i>SPRING BREAK!!</i>	16 <i>SPRING BREAK!!</i>
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26 <i>Kelly Chacon</i> <i>James Shaw</i>	27 <i>Colleen Haaland</i> <i>Rachel Keller</i>	28 <i>Anndria Wilson</i> <i>Allen Keller</i>	29 <i>Rebecca Castro</i> <i>Alessandra Olivera</i>	30 <i>Sharon Dunlap</i> <i>Nathan Wilson</i>

Middle School Field Trip to Strikz

The middle school visited Strikz for team building and hands-on science. Captain Science led the students in an experiment about force using the bowling ball and pins. He timed their speed and tested the oil level on the lane. The students learned a lot about this concept. The kids also had some bonding time when they worked in teams and played laser tag. The outing was very good for the students' morale.





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We **love** God and our relationship with Him.

We **learn** so that we can be better at whatever God has planned for us.

We **live** our lives, sharing our faith and knowledge with others.

Help Earn Money for NTCA!

- ⇒ Scan your Albertsons Community Partners card when shopping
- ⇒ Clip and save "Box Tops for Education" codes from products
- ⇒ Save Capri Sun pouches

Mission Statement

NTCA is committed to preparing students for life and faith through a superior scholastic, social and spiritual experience.



NTCA Volunteer Opportunities Please contact Mrs. Young if you can help!

- ◊ Can you solicit donations for the Silent Auction to be held during the Spring Classic?
 - ◊ Can you help with the set up for the Spring Classic on April 5th?
- ◊ Can you lead the effort this summer to create the NTCA float for the December Rotary Club parade in McKinney? We already have a volunteer to build it, we just need someone to envision it!
- ◊ Can you help in the lunchroom? Help is currently needed on Wednesdays, but you can help on any other day too!